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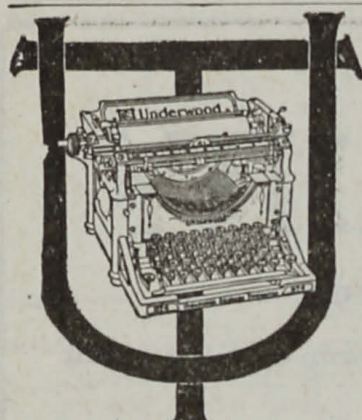
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Many More Decorations Won

A number of additional honors and decorations won by civil servants on the battlefield must be added to those included in the summary published a short time ago. Some of these have been awarded very recently, while others were conferred a little time ago, but information had not previously reached *The Civilian*.



LIEUT.-COL. HERBERT V. RORKE, D.S.O.

Ottawa civil servants, especially those in the Department of Customs, are greatly pleased at the conferring of the Distinguished Service Order upon Acting Lieutenant-Colonel Herbert Victor Rorke, assistant accountant of that department. Lieut.-Col. Rorke, who holds his militia commission in the 31st "Grey" regiment, went overseas with the Second Division of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, and has had a lot of hard service at the front. He was, for a long time, second in command of the 20th Battalion and as its commanding officer was frequently absent on other duty, Major Rorke led the

unit on many occasions. He was mentioned in despatches for conspicuously good service some time ago and, more recently, was promoted to be "Acting Lieutenant-Colonel while commanding a battalion." It is not known whether he is in charge of the 20th or some other unit.

The order conferring the D.S.O. upon Lieut.-Col. Rorke says: "*In command raiding party contributed to a large degree of the splendid success of the operation.*"

Captain (Acting Major) Arthur William Ellis, Canadian Infantry, was awarded the French *Croix de Guerre*, but did not live to be decorated. His death, from wounds, on April 13th, and his splendid military career have already been referred to.

Four more decorations for conspicuous gallantry in the face of the enemy have been won by members of the Topographical Surveys staff. One gets the D.S.O. and three others get Military Crosses.

Major G. W. MacLeod receives the Companionship in the Distinguished Service Order. He is an officer of the 49th Battalion of Edmonton and holds a militia commission in the 101st Fusiliers of that city. It is also learned that he was wounded last September. The award of the D.S.O. is dated November 14th, 1916, "*for gallantry during operations. He went forward into the fight and selected the ground to be consolidated, and although severely wounded made his way back under heavy fire and rendered a complete report on the situation. He had always set a fine example of coolness and courage.*"

Lieutenant A. U. Meikle was awarded the Military Cross "*for conspicuous gallantry in action. He handled his gun with great courage and skill under most trying circumstances and heavy shell fire.*" This award is also dated November 14th, 1916. Lieut. Meikle is an officer of the 3rd Artillery Brigade, C.E.F., and holds a militia commission in the 8th Brigade Ammunition Column of Ottawa.

Lieutenant Roger Fife Clarke received his Military Cross on 15th February, 1917. He went to the front with the 6th Field Company, Canadian Engineers.

Major G. Z. Pinder is the fourth Topographical Surveys man to be

decorated. He also belongs to the Edmonton Fusiliers and the 49th Battalion. He went overseas as a lieutenant and was wounded in June, 1916, at Ypres. He was awarded the Military Cross "*for conspicuous gallantry and ability when leading a company in counter attack and in controlling his men while severely wounded himself.*"

Toronto post office has now a wearer of the *Croix de Guerre* in its staff. The winner of this decoration, awarded by General Nivelle, is Major John Pollard Girvan, whose army career has been meteoric. He went to Valcartier as a private with the 48th Highlanders contingent, crossed the Atlantic a sergeant and won a commission in France in 1915. Last year he won his captaincy and then a majority and was wounded. He commences his 1917 achievements by landing a decoration.

An unofficial report says that Lieut. L. W. Tubman (Customs Department) recently killed in action, had been listed to receive the Military Cross.

On the occasion of his visit to Canada, Marshal Joffre announced that the French Government had awarded a decoration of the Legion of Honor upon Major General Eugene Fiset, D.S.O., Deputy Minister of Militia and Defence.

Wilfred Merle Musgrove, railway mail clerk, Winnipeg district, has won the Military Medal. He went to the front with the 11th Field Ambulance and was wounded last March. "*Though wounded himself,*" says the order, "*he went out and brought in eight more wounded men.*" He was one of the first men to join the unit which is now so proud to have him on its strength.

Civil Service Casualties.

CAPT. W. J. WITHROW.

Captain William James Withrow, 2nd Pioneers, died at the front on May 4th. He belonged to the Patent Office staff and entered the army in July, 1915. For three months past he had been in charge of the topographical office of the Canadian Corps in front of Vimy Ridge. Capt. Withrow was in his forty-ninth year, a son of Rev. W. H. Withrow, of Toronto, a graduate of Toronto University (B.A.Sc.) and had lived in Ottawa since 1902. He leaves a widow, one son (convalescing from wounds in an English hospital), and two daughters.

LIEUT. LESLIE TUBMAN.

Lieut. Leslie Tubman, killed in action on May 3rd, was a clerk in the Department of Customs. He was one of the men of the Governor General's Foot Guards who responded to the first call to arms and went overseas with the 2nd Battalion. He was still a private when the First Division reached France, and while they were winning fame at St. Julien and in many other big fights, he was rising through the non-commissioned grades, and finally got a commission in the autumn of 1916. Lieut. Tubman was in a trench raid in the first week of April and was out of the line, resting, when Vimy Ridge was taken. He fell in some of the later fighting. In all his experience at the front he had never been wounded, but his younger brother, Roy, overseas a much shorter period, has a hand badly mangled. "Les" was twenty-four years old and one of Ottawa's fine young athletes. His parents, four brothers and a sister survive.

LIEUT. J. H. PATTON.

Lieut. John Henry Patton, whose death on the battlefield on May 3rd is reported, was on the staff of the

Patent Office when the war broke out. An engineer by profession, he was engaged on the works at Valcartier in 1914. Later, he joined the 146th Battalion and went overseas. He went through some heavy actions, including Vimy Ridge, unhurt, but fell in the later operations. He was in his twenty-third year, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. John Patton, of Ottawa. He also leaves one sister.

MAJOR J. A. MOTHERWELL.

Major James Alfred Motherwell, wounded, belonged to the Naval Service staff at New Westminster. He was a captain in the 104th Westminister Fusiliers and went overseas with the 131st Battalion. His wife lives in New Westminster.

CHAS. T. BLANEY.

Charles T. Blaney, killed in action on April 9th, was a clerk in the Accounts Branch of the Post Office Department. For many months after getting to the firing line he served as a bomber and escaped casualty. He was then transferred to signalling work and it is presumed that he was on this duty when killed. He was twenty-three years of age and entered the Civil Service in 1912. His mother lives at Russell.

W. R. FULFORD.

Wm. R. Fulford, a clerk in the Port Arthur post office, has been wounded at the front and is now in hospital in England.

JOHN CLARKE.

Private "Jack" Clarke, of Toronto, wounded, had been about a year in the trenches. He was well connected in sporting circles. He served with the Royal Canadian Dragoons all through the South African campaign and holds the King's and Queen's

Medals. He was in the employment of the Dominion Government at Port Nelson and walked over 30 miles in zero weather to the nearest railway station to get a train to convey him to his own home town to enlist. He also has a brother, Jim, in France.

E. F. GOODMAN.

E. F. Goodman, of Port Arthur post office, is reported to have fallen in action on April 9th, presumably at Vimy Ridge.

G. W. BANNISTER.

Sapper George W. Bannister, Canadian Engineers, has a severe wound in the left shoulder. He is a Topographical Surveys man and enlisted in April, 1915.

H. N. CANNING.

Herbert Norman Canning, a Victoria, B.C., letter carrier, died at the front on March 26th. He enlisted in July, 1915. He was thirty years of age and became a carrier in 1913.

H. H. McKAY.

Howard Hamilton McKay, a clerk of the Hamilton post office, is recorded as having died on September 20th, 1916. He was thirty years of age, entered the postal service in 1913, and enlisted in July, 1915.

CYRUS McKINNON.

Cyrus McKinnon, clerk in the Post Office Department, Ottawa, was killed in action on April 15th, 1917. He was twenty-five years of age, entered the Service in 1913 and enlisted in October, 1916.

H. E. PRESS.

H. E. Press, a preventive officer of Customs at Calgary, died of wounds at Vimy Ridge on April 9th. He enlisted in May, 1915, with the 56th Battalion.

W. E. FLEMING.

William Edward Fleming, preventive officer of Customs at Winnipeg, who enlisted in September, 1915, was at one time with the 8th Battalion, and later attached to Canadian Corps headquarters, has been missing since April 9th.

WM. R. McKAY.

William Robert McKay, railway mail clerk, Moose Jaw district, was killed in action on April 10th. He was twenty-eight years of age and born at Bradford, Ont., but his mother now lives at Tottenham. He enlisted on February, 1916, with the 128th Battalion.

JAMES KANE.

James Kane, died of wounds, was a Toronto letter carrier. He was twenty-six years old, a native of Ireland, and unmarried. He left Canada in October, 1916, and got to France on March 17th. His parents live in Ireland.

LIEUT. G. M. HAMILTON.

Lieut. G. M. Hamilton, wounded, belongs to the Welland canal engineering staff. He went overseas as an officer of the 76th Battalion. His home is in New Hamburg and he is a Toronto University graduate.

G. W. JONES.

It is learned that G. W. Jones, a railway mail clerk of the Toronto district, whose enlistment was recorded some time ago, died in the military base hospital in Toronto.

CAPT. C. J. SWIFT.

Captain C. James Swift, seriously wounded, belongs to the Welland canal engineering staff, and was formerly on the Transcontinental railway. He is a Royal Military College graduate and went overseas in May,

1915, as a lieutenant of field artillery. His battery got to the front in September following and Captain Swift was the last of its officers to go on the casualty list. All the others are dead or wounded. He is thirty-one years of age and hails from Kingston.

J. L. MOWAT.

J. L. Mowat, another Toronto district railway mail clerk, also died in that city while in training for overseas service.

F. H. LEDFORD.

Gunner Frank Harold Ledford, No. 1 Heavy Battery, C.H.A., reported wounded in the last issue of *The Civilian*, died of his injuries on April 29th. He had been an inspector of the Public Works Department on the St. John harbor works since 1912 and enlisted for overseas duty in July, 1915.

MAJOR ALVIN RIPLEY.

Lethbridge mourns the death of its gallant postmaster, Major Alvin Ripley, who has been killed in action. Major Ripley was second in command of the 25th Independent Battery C. F. A. (militia) before the war, but went to the front in command of a battery raised in Lethbridge. More extended reference to him will be found elsewhere in this issue.

F. W. WRIGHT.

Francis Wenman Wright, letter carrier, Vancouver, was killed in action last month. He was with the 72nd Seaforth Highlanders of Canada and in the same company as Carrier Jamieson, killed last November. Wright joined the public service in 1912 and enlisted in 1915.

H. E. ATKINSON.

Harry Elerton Atkinson, killed in action, had been a letter carrier in Vancouver for five years. He enlist-

ed in 1915 with the 131st Battalion, "Western Irish," of New Westminster.

J. A. HUNTLEY.

John Arthur Huntley, railway mail clerk of the Winnipeg district, is reported to have been killed in action between April 7th and 10th. He was born at Kenmay, Man., in 1894, entered the postal service in January, 1914, and enlisted in the 222nd Battalion in March, 1916.

LIEUT. E. H. BRIGGS.

Lieut. E. H. Briggs, of the Manchester regiment, wounded, is an employee of the Dept. of Marine and Fisheries and was attached to the Prince Rupert agency before the war.

A. H. LOCK.

A. Harry Lock, letter carrier, Vancouver, has returned to Canada with severe shrapnel wounds and is in hospital at Esquimalt. He was with the 6th Field Company of Canadian Engineers from North Vancouver.

E. KITSON.

From London comes the report that Private Ed. Kitson, railway mail clerk, has been killed in action. The late Private Kitson was appointed to the R.M.S. in April, 1914, enlisted in January, 1916, in the 91st Battalion, C.E.F.

HERE AND THERE.

A window was unveiled in St. Alban's church, Ottawa, to the memory of John Fennings Taylor, late Clerk of the Senate, his wife and son.

Major G. F. Chandler, superintendent of the New York State Police, is in Canada to study the Royal Northwest Mounted Police system and organization. The new State constabulary will embody many features that have been proved valuable in Canada's famous force.

The position of postmaster at Cloyne, made vacant by death, has been filled by the appointment of Mrs. Nora McNichol, a soldier's widow.

PROSPECTS ARE GOOD.

The letter carriers of Canada have long been preparing a petition to the Government for an increase of pay and have compiled elaborate statistics to support their claim. The matter has now been placed before the Ministers and the prospects for the success of the movement are good.

In the House of Commons, Hon. E. L. Patenaude, acting Postmaster General, announced that the Government was considering the question of increasing the pay of the carriers.

COMMON GARDEN INSECTS.

Mr. Arthur Gibson, Chief Assistant Entomologist, Experimental Farm, Department of Agriculture, has prepared a very valuable work on Common Garden Insects and Their Control. This pamphlet has been written specially for the use of owners of small gardens and the cultivators of vacant lots, who in their endeavors to respond to the call for increased food production are certain to encounter difficulties from the attacks of insects which are liable to cause serious reduction in the amount of crop produced, unless remedial measures are undertaken.

The Circular No. 9, which may be had on application to the Department of Agriculture, gives in the simplest language the preventive and remedial measures which have proven satisfactory.

BATTERY MAY GO SOON.

The Civil Service Siege and Heavy Artillery draft now exceeds fifty rank and file and this opens a new possibility. The shipments of troops to England goes on unceasingly and a unit of this number may be called upon to leave at any time on very short notice. Lieut. MacCormac hopes to be able to give his men a week or

two's work with big guns before they go overseas, but may not have time for it.

Recent Civil Service enlistments include:

Fred. Taylor, Militia and Defence.

W. E. Sarazin, Militia and Defence.

W. F. Strutt, Customs.

E. W. Berry, Topographical Surveys, Calgary.

E. N. L. Reid, Post Office, Prince Albert.

The last named went overseas as an officer in an infantry battalion, was discharged for physical defect, came home, had an operation, recovered, passed the surgeons and enrolled as a gunner.

WHAT SIR EDWARD KEMP SAID.

Enlisted Civil Servants' Pay and Separation Allowance on the Orders of the Day.

Sir Edward Kemp (Minister of Militia and Defence).—The hon. member for Guysborough (Mr. Sinclair) and the hon. member for St. John (Mr. Pugsley) each asked questions yesterday, the first with regard to Civil Service enlistment and statutory increases of pay, and second with regard to Civil Service enlistments and separation allowance. The answer to these questions is as follows:

A civil servant who enlists receives full pay the same as if he were employed doing his Civil Service duties, provided always that his Civil Service pay is greater than that which he would draw as a soldier.

The Government has undertaken to see that a civil servant receives pay not less than what he would have received had he remained at home and had not enlisted. He does not, therefore, receive separation allowance extra, *but it is the intention that he shall receive the regular statutory increases provided he is receiving only one salary.*

The Roll of Honour.

Men of the Public Service of Canada enlisted for active military service.
Names published in previous lists—3,292.

SEVENTY-THIRD LIST.

(Additional list from Dept. of the Interior):

O. H. Hoover, Calgary, Toronto University Batt.
Anthony Jankieincz, Winnipeg, Polish Battalion.
Jas. Corscaden Kirk, Vancouver, 238th Battalion.
Wilfred Gordon Robertson, Ottawa, 207th Battalion.
Lieut. Wm. C. S. Switzer, Medicine Hat, 175th Battalion.
Rose Harold Young, Moose Jaw, 238th Battalion.
Lieut. David Luther Burgess, Prince Albert, 188th Battalion.
Harry Edward Clements, Moose Jaw, 212th Battalion.
John Arch. Currie, Ottawa, 73rd Battery, C.F.A.
Capt. Asgeir Fjelsted Arborg, 223rd Battalion.

(Additional list from Department of Customs):

F. H. Jacob, Emerson, 76th Battery, C.F.A.
Cyril Knowles, Saskatoon, 253rd Battalion.
F. C. Lee, Ottawa, Queen's Field Ambulance.
H. S. O'Melia, Niagara-on-the-Lake, 256th Battalion.
J. W. Sparks, Winnipeg, Imperial A.S.C. (M.T.).
F. L. Watson, Ottawa, Royal Flying Corps.
Arthur Farrington, Vancouver, C.A.S.C.
Herbert Bee, Toronto, 109th Battalion.
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E. B. Garrard, Nanaimo, 231st Battalion.
R. E. Lawrence, Ottawa, 72nd Battery, C.F.A.
Jas. D. McLean, Emerson, 76th Battery, C.F.A.
Malcolm MacKenzie, Winnipeg, C.A.S.C.
Edward Clinton Munro, Ottawa, Signallers.
Lieut. B. A. Neville, Ottawa, 199th Battalion.
Lieut. Wm. Arthur Noble, Prince Rupert, 143rd Battalion.
C. E. T. Sirois, Perce, Que., 150th Battalion.
E. D. Bateman, Montreal, R.N.C.V.R.
Leonard Fischer, Niagara Falls, R.N.C.V.R.
Richmond Adam, Vancouver, Royal Engineers.
G. B. Bamber, Vancouver, C.A.S.C.
E. C. Batty, Portage la Prairie, 230th Battalion.
Lieut. C. S. Baxter, Victoria, B.C., Forestry Reinforcement.
G. K. Chisholm, Toronto, 257th Battalion.
A. W. Coon, Ottawa, Signallers.
J. S. Deachman, Ottawa, Signallers.
R. A. Farrow, Ottawa, 72nd Battery, C.F.A.
Charles Peter Flynn, Ottawa, 79th Battery, C.F.A.
Hugh R. Chambers, Toronto, C.A.S.C.
David Watson Hall, Ottawa, Heavy Artillery.
James McDougall, Saskatoon, 234th Battalion.
L. E. McLachlan, Ottawa, C.A.S.C.
J. R. Murphy, Montreal, C.A.S.C.
Charles Ogilvy, Ottawa, 72nd Battery, C.F.A.
Wm. Henry Pogue, Toronto, C.A.S.C.
Clarence C. Rombough, Ottawa, Heavy Artillery.
Arthur McM. Saunders, Ottawa, 72nd Battery, C.F.A.
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Frank E. Wormington, Ottawa, Heavy Artillery.

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THE NATIONAL DUTY.

What a revelation to Canadians it would be if they could all visit the front. But, alas, Canada will never know what her sons have endured. Day after day, month after month, year after year, cheerfully and gladly they have endured and suffered and fought. If Canada ever forgets these men, my prayer is that she may go to the dogs. You will forgive this strong language. It has the merit of being sincere. The sporting page of a Canadian newspaper is to me like a red rag to a bull, when I think of what our men are doing here. We are going to smash the Huns, but we are a long way from doing it yet. It will take the supremest effort of our whole empire. Every man must put his shoulder to the wheel, even if it be a chariot of fire.

—Major, Rev. Canon Scott, C.M.G.

I find men are enthusiastic enough that war should be made, but somehow I find there is a pausing in making war in Canada.. Canada is no longer recruiting in large numbers men who are ready to fight. I am not deprecating other activities which are all necessary, but I want to say that though wheat growing may be successful and other business flourishing, it is all no good unless we have representatives for us in the fighting line.

—Ralph Connor.

OUR BOYS

Previously reported:

Dead	191
Wounded	256
Prisoners	15

DEAD

MAJOR ALVIN RIPLEY.
F. H. LEDFORD.
JAMES KANE.
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"WOLF"?

The Civilian has been accused of crying "wolf" in connection with Civil Service enlistments in the overseas forces. Because this journal's predictions of drastic action were not quickly fulfilled, volunteer critics thought they were justified in assuming our discomfiture. Some of them may now conclude that they crowed too soon. Conscription appears to be an early certainty and it is also certain that it will be enforced in the Civil Service as rigidly as anywhere.

Nowhere else has the Government such absolute knowledge of and power to reach the young men that it wants for the army.

The Public Service Committee of the National Service Board, after closely surveying the Service, made a report to the Government, accompanied by certain recommendations. Just what those recommendations were the members of the committee have not announced, but it may be recalled that a prominent member of the committee stated publicly that the Service was twenty per cent overmanned and it is a pretty safe bet that the committee favored a reduction of the Service in that proportion by the simple means of drafting every fifth man into the army.

Why that recommendation has not been carried into effect *The Civilian* is not informed. The inevitable introduction of conscription for the whole country may have been the reason. Anyhow, that report and the exhaustive statistics that accompany it are just what the military authorities will find most useful shortly.

It is said that there is a stampede to the recruiting offices. The slacker has received a jolt and is wide-awake at last. He doesn't want to be called "conscript," so he's going to enlist before compulsion becomes law. Morally he is a conscript, if not legally so.

Not all the boys enlisting now are in this class, however. There are a number who have been examined and passed for service for some time, but who were held up by delay or refusal of departmental leave. The Civil Service Siege Battery has several men in this class.

Conscription will end a lot of worry—and will also close *The Civilian's* Roll of Honor. No man who had to be compelled to fight for his country is going to have his name enrolled with those of our thirty-three hundred gallant volunteers if the "war editor" knows it. *The Civilian's* record is a roll of *Honor*.

WOMAN'S NEW POWER.

The women of Ontario were enfranchised on May 1st. Probably nowhere in the province is there another body of wage-earning women of the numbers and average education and ability such as is to be found in the Civil Service in Ottawa. These women, like the men of the Service, will be barred from public discussion of questions of purely party politics, but there are always matters of social and economic advancement demanding the serious attention of the intelligent electorate, and the women of the Service will have many opportunities to make their influence felt through the medium of the ballot-box.

SUNDAY WAR WORK.

"I have no hesitation in saying that in the need which these weeks present, men and women may, with a clear conscience, do field work on Sundays."

This was the answer of the Archbishop of Canterbury to an inquiry whether it would be proper to carry on farm work in England on Sundays during the seeding season. His Grace referred, in the opening paragraphs of his letter, to the inheritance of the British Sunday, which he desired to safeguard in every way, but he agreed that extraordinary needs require extraordinary measures to cope with them, and Sunday seeding has his approval.

The answer of the highest spiritual authority in the Church of England in this matter should go far to reassure some of those who have been disturbed in mind regarding the propriety of knitting or sewing for the soldiers on Sunday. Surely socks and hospital shirts are as urgent needs as wheat or potatoes!

BUTTONS AND BLUFFERS.

Look out for the buttons that mark the men worth while. First, there's

the bronze button with the enamelled shield that marks the man honorably discharged from the army after being overseas. Then there are the celluloid buttons with big letters, "A.R." or "A.E." on them, followed by a number. These are issued to men who have volunteered to serve in any branch of the military service in which they could be useful, but who have been rejected. Wearers of these buttons are worthy of all honor.

Look out for the fellow who talks a lot about having tried to enlist but declares he was refused. If he hasn't a button there is likely a string to his story. There are bluffers who don't know a carburetor from a speedometer, yet try to get into the motor transport service; and fellows who can't look out of a fourth-storey window without being giddy want to be aviators! These are plain slackers.

When you hear a chap declare he was refused, ask him "Where's your button?"

Win the war.

Victory must be made certain this year.

Be sure that, when it's all over, you can truly say "I helped."

Seven million dollars received from the sale of war savings certificates indicates not a small measure of patriotic economy among Canadians. Bring in your \$21.50 to help roll up the eighth million.

The Civil Service Baseball League has suspended for the season. Last year it turned over its profits to the Sportsmen's Patriotic Association. This year, if President Reg. Sims will lead the boys out to the potato patch, they can roll up another nice little sum for a patriotic purpose. The blister from the hoe-handle is fully as enjoyable as that from the baseball bat. There are some tennis players, paddlers, lawn bowlers and others

who would make good potato bug catchers, too. If "four o'clock" is again the summer rule in the Service it means more opportunity for out-of-door work.

"THE LAST CLASS."

The following editorial, headed "The Civil Service," appeared in the Montreal Gazette of May 7th. It gives evidence of a serious, practical and sympathetic view of Civil Service affairs, and is a welcome change from the cursory and ill-informed articles on Service matters that too often appear in Canadian newspapers:

"The Finance Minister intimates that legislation will be had during the present session of Parliament increasing salaries of members of the lower grades of the inside service, and also of the outside service. One of the incomprehensible things in connection with the public service of Canada has long been the total lack of rule or reason in fixing salaries. Civil servants employed in the departments at Ottawa receive a statutory increase within their rank, that is from minimum to maximum of the class, while in some outside departments, notably the Customs service, increases have always been uncertain, haphazard and based on no pretence of principle. When war broke out announcement was made that no salary increases would be given civil servants other than those provided by statute, because of the financial burden thrown upon the country by participation in the struggle. Why not have treated all civil servants equally, and either continued meritorious increases to the outside service, or suspended statutory increases during the period of the war? Either course would have shown consistency and avoided the injustice perpetrated.

"However, it is satisfactory to learn that the Government has now given some attention to the subject. The great increase in the cost of living has borne hard on salaried officers in branches of the Service where no statutory provision for yearly increase exists. But it may be pointed out with regard to the Finance Minister's statement that the legislation will be confined to persons in the lower grades, that an official in a higher grade may have acquired a mode of living, and have such domestic and social claims upon his purse, that the prevailing high prices of all commodities will work quite as much hardship in his case as in that of the officer in a humbler grade. Unfortunately for the good of the Civil Service, it is apparently about the last class of men in whom the

public take interest and though the words 'Civil Service reform' have occasionally fallen from the mouths of our public men, no serious practical step has yet been taken in that direction."

MAJOR ALVIN RIPLEY.

The following sketch of the late Major Alvin Ripley, postmaster of Lethbridge, is reprinted from the Lethbridge Herald:

Lethbridge has given another of her brightest sons to the cause of right against might. This morning brought the sad news that Major Alvin Ripley, postmaster, had been killed in action on May 2

All Lethbridge was shocked to hear of the death of this gallant young officer. The message spread rapidly throughout the city and words of regret were heard on every hand.

Major Ripley went to the front early in 1915 in charge of the first Lethbridge battery to be recruited. They went to the front after a period of training in England, and since that time have been in action in many of the big engagements. According to private advices received by relatives in the city Major Ripley had, since the big spring drive began, been doing excellent work, and had come under the notice of superior officers, until lately, it is understood, he had been placed in charge of the emplacement of a series of batteries which were being moved forward continually to keep in touch with the retreating enemy. Imperial officers had spoken highly of him, and last fall he was mentioned in dispatches along with Lieut.-Col. Stewart of Lethbridge, for his untiring energy and brilliant work in the artillery wing of the service.

Major Ripley was one of the first Lethbridge officers to enlist. When the call came for artillery men from Canada in the fall of 1914 he put his private business in order, and with the 25th battery as a basis, he and Lieut.-Col. Stewart recruited the 20th battery, along with a draft of artillery which preceded it to the front. When later Lieutenant-Colonel Stewart was promoted to command a brigade, Capt. Ripley was promoted to the rank of major and placed in charge of the battery.

Major Ripley is the second Lethbridge artillery officer to meet death on the field of action, Lieut. Magrath Godwin being the first.

BORN IN NOVA SCOTIA.

The late Major Ripley was born in Oxford, N.S., on Oct. 15, 1883. The family

moved to Lethbridge while he was yet quite young, and are among the old-timers of the city. Major Ripley entered business life with the Bentley Co., and was manager at the time the concern wound up its business here. In the fall of 1914 he was appointed postmaster, but shortly afterwards he received his commission. He leaves a sorrowing widow with three children, both his parents, which are living here, and four brothers, Lieut.-Col. Blair Ripley of the No. 1 Construction Corps, now at the front, William H., and L. S., both of Lethbridge, and A. B., who is in business as a druggist in Vancouver.

Major Ripley was a member of Knox Presbyterian church, and a member of the Masonic order, in which he held a high office when he enlisted.

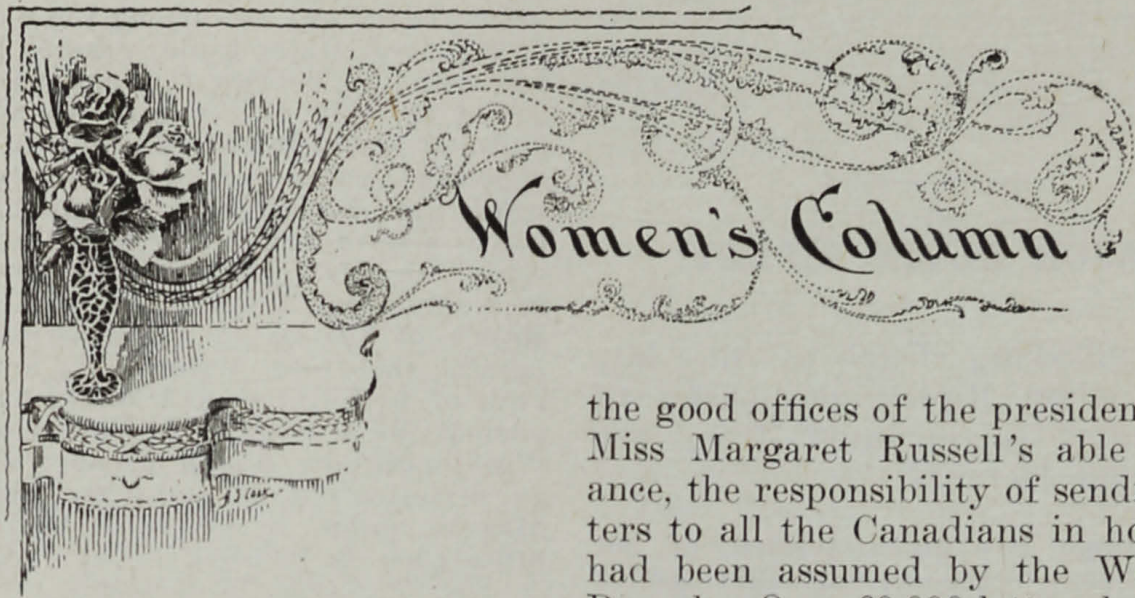
ABOUT WOUND UP.

That the war is about over and the boys will soon be home, is the opinion of J. A. P. Haydon, of the Printing Bureau, wounded at Vimy Ridge. In a letter home he says:

"One night recently, accompanied by two other scouts, I was out on a patrol in 'No Man's Land.' I was not very long out nor did I get very far until I came across a hostile listening post. It was deserted, but showed signs of recent activity. One of the boys took hold of the wire and gave it a few tugs. The information was conveyed to the sentry on duty. So you will understand when the wire was tugged old Fritz got a shaking up and got quickly on the job. Seven star flares were sent up, the enemy was on the alert. We were wise, however, and took cover in a big shell hole. We got our information and quickly returned to our own lines.

"All kinds of things are noticeable lying around 'No Man's land.' Only a few days previous I witnessed an interesting sight. Old 'Fritz' had sent throughout the day a number of shells over our lines. Our chaps stood for it quite a long time and just at the proper time our light and heavy batteries opened fire along his front line as far as we could see. It was a great sight to watch. Small shells were breaking over his front line, while over the village shrapnel broke and high explosives sent up clouds of earth. It was the greatest bombardment I have witnessed and proved that we are master of 'Fritz' at the guns as well as in trench warfare.

"Por old 'Fritz' has about had his wind up. It will only be a matter of a few months until the end will be in sight. He is very nrevous and it is easily discernible that he is on the defensive."



Annual Meeting.

At the fourth annual meeting of the Women's Branch held in the Y. W.C.A. on the evening of May 14th, the president occupied the chair and the officers and conveners of the various standing and special committees read reports covering the work of the last six months. It was at the last annual meeting, on Oct. 26th, 1916, that the by-law was amended to have the annual meeting take place in May. Consequently the reports of work cover six months instead of a full year.

Secretary's Report.

The secretary, Miss L. F. Crocker, reported that seven general and fifteen executive meetings had been held and that the paid up membership was 370. The executive had been unanimous in the endeavor to turn the interest and strength of the branch to patriotic work, especially Red Cross. The result had been most gratifying. Too much could not be said in recognition of the faithful and unselfish devotion of the convener of the Red Cross and her committee.

Miss Crocker reported in detail on the disbursements from the Emergency Fund and also on the work turned out by the special committees working through the Soldiers' and Sailors' Comforts Committee of the Women's Canadian Club. Through

the good offices of the president, with Miss Margaret Russell's able assistance, the responsibility of sending letters to all the Canadians in hospitals had been assumed by the Women's Branch. Over 60,000 letters had been despatched, and through this medium nearly 600 personal and business adjustments had been made.

Miss Katherine Robinson had been appointed convener of a committee to look after the registering of civil servants, who desire to give up their holidays to fruit picking.

Under the leadership of the president, volunteer gardening is being carried on at the lot on O'Connor street assigned to the Women's Branch. Regret was expressed that more have not volunteered their services.

Although the luncheon last year was such a success, it was decided that the idea of an annual luncheon should not be entertained while the war is in progress.

Treasurer's Report.

The treasurer, Miss F. E. Snelling, reported as follows:

GENERAL FUND.		
	Receipts.	Disbursements.
Balance on hand ...	\$19.40	\$
Fees	37.55	
Rent, printing and advertising		48.81
Balance on hand...		8.14
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	\$56.95	\$56.95
Balance—		
Programme Com...		108.35
Recreation Fund...		11.51
Red Cross Rooms..		5.95

EMERGENCY FUND. (6 months.)

Receipts.

Balance on hand	\$ 95.69
Contributions from Departments.	644.00
Bank interest	3.76
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	\$743.45

Disbursements.

Balance of contribution for nurse at front	100.00
Asst. at Ottawa Welfare Bureau (6 mos.)	90.00
Contribution to Can. Clearing Station, Folkestone	50.00
British Sailors' Relief Fund	100.00
Motor Boat Patrol Service	17.93
Canadian Sailors in British Navy	99.84
Returned Soldiers' Club Room Fund	200.00
Linen for Soldiers' Aid Commission	53.00
Watch for elevator attendant at Red Cross Room, enlisted for overseas	7.50
Stationery	1.00
Balance on hand	24.18
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	\$743.45

Red Cross Report.

Miss Reynolds, Red Cross convener, reported that the Civil Service work had kept pace with that of headquarters, which had reported an increase in output of 60%. A strong appeal was made for more workers, especially to take work home. It was stated that many who could not sew at all at first are now able to make a suit of pyjamas in an evening.

OUTPUT SINCE OCT. 26, 1916.

Socks (pairs)	415
Pyjamas	234
Hospital shirts	114
Service shirts	12
Fracture shirts	6
Towels	624
Pillow cases	582
Ward shoes (pairs)	113
Ties	73
Handkerchiefs	106
Comfort bags	100
Wash cloths	6
Knitted vest	1

Pyjama cords	165
Helmets	20
*Christmas stockings	19
Sheets	36

(*Most Christmas stockings were reported in last year.)

Legislation Report.

The convener of legislation, Miss A. E. Wilson, reported that two questions had come under the notice of her committee.



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The first one was the possibility of legislation on behalf of the civil servants. It had been so handled by the general executive that it had not been necessary for the Women's Branch to make any recommendation in that regard.

The status of the V.A.D. workers asking leave to go overseas was the other matter that claimed the attention of the committee. The question was reported to be in abeyance still, but the hope was expressed that it would be definitely settled before the end of the present session.

Miss Wilson is also the branch's representative on the Welfare Bureau and her report was published in *The Civilian* of April 27th.

Recreation.

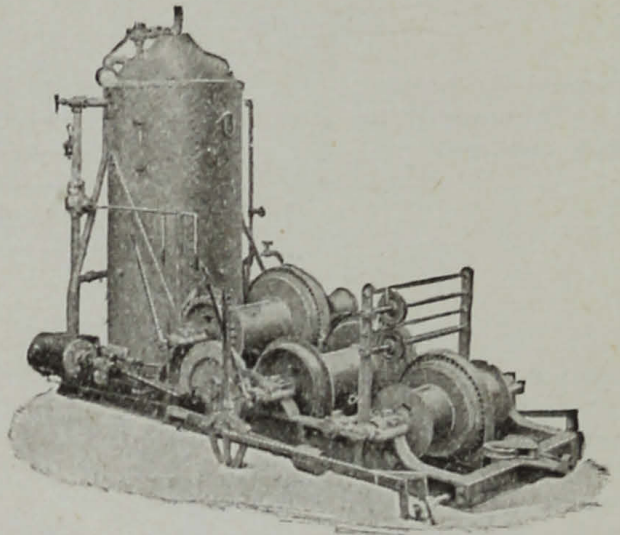
Miss Blackburn, convener of the Recreation Committee, reported that, owing to the stress of the times, recreation had been eliminated almost entirely from the activities of the Women's Branch. Two successful events had been arranged. These were a sliding party at Rockliffe and a sugar bush outing at Ironsides. A course of dancing lessons during the spring had supplied the needed exercise between winter and summer sport.

Twice during the year had the committee co-operated with other committees and with the Women's Canadian Club; first in decorating the tea room for the Polish Relief and in taking charge of the buffet for one afternoon and evening at the Patriotic Motor Show.

Programme.

The programme convener, Miss Edna Inglis, reported that, owing to the great need of concentrating all time and energy on war work, the usual form of programme had been abandoned so that nothing of a purely social nature had been attempted. It had been decided to turn the usual monthly business meetings into Red Cross socials with the necessary busi-

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ness thrown in and the women of the various departments took charge of the arrangements along with the Red Cross committee. This resulted in some pleasant surprises in the matter of talent and helped greatly to promote the good fellowship and personal esteem which had been lacking among the women of the Civil Service.

During the six months addresses were given by Mrs. W. T. Herridge, Hon. Dr. Roche, Miss McKenna and Miss Young; picture talks by Miss Jukes and Mr. John Murphy; vocal solos by Miss Evans, Miss Girardin, Miss Pouget, Miss A. Denny and Mrs. Robertson; piano selections by Miss Taylor, Miss McIntosh, Mrs. Ogilvie and Miss Lanthier; violin solos by Miss Blackburn, and readings by Miss Doyle and Miss Fairweather.

With the one object in view of working for the brave men overseas, co-operation had been increased and would be needed to a still greater de-

gree in dealing with the problem of the returned soldier. The privilege of the franchise would bring with it added responsibilities and it was the opinion of the committee that education along that line should be second in importance only to the Red Cross as war work of the Women's Branch.

New Officers.

Some minor amendments were passed to the constitution and by-laws, the only one of any importance being the raising of the membership fee to fifty cents.

The retiring president, Miss Florence Burt, in a few well chosen words, thanked the members and the executive for their co-operation in the past and in welcoming the new president to the chair bespoke for her the united support of the association.

The officers for 1917-18 are as follows:

Past President — Miss Florence Burt.

President—Miss Edna L. Inglis.

Vice-President—Miss Lusignan.

Treasurer—Miss W. Fairweather.

Secretary—Miss L. F. Crocker.

Asst. Secretary—Miss Agnes Grant.

Programme Convener—Miss A. C. Booth.

Recreation Convener — Miss N. Casey.

Come.

Have you been down to our garden at the corner of O'Connor and Argyle? There are still a few hoes waiting to be used. Once you see the garden you are sure to get in the game.

Others Doing It.

Editor Women's Column:

The instance of the women of a Montreal church knitting during services, which you mentioned in your last issue, and which the Ottawa Journal took up as something remarkable, is not unique. A year or more ago the women of a Hamilton congrega-



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tion were doing the same thing. The member who informed me of this said that the knitting was carried on during all parts of the services except the prayers.

“NEEDLES.”

SOME OPINIONS.

On “Two Years of War.”

Sir Frederick Stupart, director of the Meteorological Service of Canada, says: “. . . that attractive and interesting work, ‘Two Years of War as Viewed from Ottawa,’ . . . gives most valuable information regarding the part that the Canadian Civil Service has played in the war.”

Sir Percy Sherwood, Chief Commissioner of Police for Canada, says: “. . . the information is useful, it is well gotten up and decidedly interesting and entertaining.”

Correspondence.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for opinions expressed under this heading.

A Little Bit of Raison.

Editor *The Civilian*:

Faith, I wonder if we ould fathers in the railway mail service are too bould for expecting a boost in salaries to tide us over these hard, hard times? Sure, I mind when I used to get 25 pounds of flour, for herself to make grand home-made bread, for 50c; but now it costs \$1.95! Then, d'ye remember the time when we brought home 3 pounds of round-steak for 25c? Ye do! Well, it costs 75c now! Praties, did yez say? Arrah, I once paid 35c a bushel for them, but it cost me \$4.00 for the same quantity this week. And eggs! Ah, then, I mind when one could get a one-third bushel basket full for a dollar, but now two dollars and a half is the price. A neighbour used to sell me swedes

for fifteen and twenty cents a bushel, but now I pay seventy-five cents. I was reckless t'other day, so I paid \$1.50 for a chicken, remembering that such a bird only cost 40c a few years ago.

Musha, God be with ould times!

Anyhow I'm glad that the P. O. had a fine surplus last year, for maybe we may get a taste of it.

I'd hate to envy anny man, but when I see the trainmen, factory workers and other toilers falling heirs to 15 p.c. and 20 p.c. (some more) increases all around me—well, I feel just a little wistful—who wouldn't? My friend, Malachy Ryan, went shovelling coal on an engine when I became a pampered civil servant; but his pay envelope contains \$240 or \$250 per month now—not that I envy them—more power to his shovelling elbow!

The price of pork, is it? Mr. O'Moriarty was showing me a 4 and 3-4 pound roast last week that cost \$1.69, though 50c would buy it not many years ago. Maple syrup? Just

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double what it used to be. Bread and milk? Troth, but they cost twice what they used to.

If one was an ould bachelor it would not be so bad, but it makes a man nervous when the house is full of colleens and bouchals.

You might ask me, Mr. Editor, if I am complaining, and you might truthfully say that you know a gorsoon with his head shot off, and divole a word he's said yet! Sure I do not like to be complaining, and there are manny worse off than me; but, if some powerful friend gives my salary a bit of a raise in the contiguous future, I may be moved to say (if not trayson): God bless ye, and the divole miss ye!

GEE OH SEE.

ANSWERS.

POSTAL CLERKS.—The editors thank the secretaries of Postal Clerks' Associations in several cities for recent reports on enlistments, casualties, etc., of members of their branches. Secretaries of these organizations would confer an additional favour if they would report any casualties to letter carriers or other Dominion Government employees, of any department, that may come to their notice.

RECRUIT.—If you live West of Quebec and enlist in the Civil Service Siege Battery, you will get free transportation to Ottawa to join the unit. You must first pass medical examination where you are now. Wire Lieut. John MacCormac, Base Recruiting Office, Ottawa.

Personals.

Obituary.

W. H. Clarke, who died recently, was a brother of James Clerke, of the Railway Commission.

J. F. Watson, chief of the extension and publicity work of the Dominion Experimental Farms, died on May 12th after a brief illness. He was born in England forty-six years ago and had been in the Canadian Civil Service for twenty-years. He was one of the leading men in the Ottawa Horticultural Society and was also prominent in military circles. His widow and one son survive.

Miss Lillian E. Ashfield, who died on May 14th, was a sister of John H. Ashfield, of the Dept. of the Interior.

Mrs. J. G. Dewar, of Reist, Alta., who died on May 3rd, was, before her marriage, Miss A. L. M. Allan, daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. Harry Allan, of Ottawa, and a member of the staff of the Seed Branch, Dept. of Agriculture.

General.

Dr. D. D. Cairnes is recovering after an operation for ear trouble.

Mrs. (Capt.) D. D. Wilson is recovering from her recent illness.

Major S. E. St. O. Chapleau, retiring Clerk of the Senate, is created an honorary officer of the Red Chamber and will retain the privileges of his position.

S. H. Waggoner, of the Dept. of Customs, has gone to Campbellton, N.B., where he will be on special duty for the summer.

AIDING THE BLIND.

J. L. Payne has been re-elected President and A. C. Campbell Secretary of the Ottawa Association for the Blind. The Vice-Presidents are A. E. Prevost and Mrs. J. C. Cox, and Albert Horton is Treasurer.

The Association has assisted a blind man who, because of partly paralyzed hands, could not make brooms or baskets, to start a news-stand. His original wooden building was contrary to the fire prevention law of Ottawa, so the Association appealed to the public and raised money to make the little stall fire-proof.



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ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE OF CANADA.

ANUAL examinations for entry of Naval Cadets into this College are held at the examination centres of the Civil Service Commission in May each year, successful candidates joining the College on or about the 1st August following the examination.

Applications for entry are received up to the 15th April by the Secretary, Civil Service Commission, Ottawa, from whom blank entry forms can be obtained.

Candidates for examination must have passed their fourteenth birthday, and not reached their sixteenth birthday, on the 1st July following the examination.

Further details can be obtained on application to G. J. Desbarats, C.M.G., Deputy Minister of the Naval Service, Department of the Naval Service, Ottawa.

G. J. DESBARATS,

Deputy Minister of the Naval Service.

Department of the Naval Service,
Ottawa, March 12, 1917.

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WAR PERSONALS.

News comes from the front of the promotion of D. S. Tamblyn, V.S., to be temporary lieutenant-colonel. He was a veterinary officer of the Dept. of Agriculture and joined the 10th Mounted Rifles as a lieutenant. He was promoted captain, made adjutant of the regiment and then transferred to the brigade staff. His wife is living at Hudson, Que.

P. D. Stone, of the Customs, Medicine Hat, who went overseas not long ago, has been invalided home.

Sergt.-Major F. A. Warner, of the Postal Corps, has received a commission.

Major F. Walsh, C.A.V.C. (Agriculture) is promoted temporary lieutenant-colonel while acting as Assistant Director of Veterinary Services.

Lieut. S. P. Eagleson, Canadian Engineers (Interior), wounded last year, is now struck off the active list as being unfit for further service.

A public reception was given to Lieuts. Donald McQuarrie and W. J. Sturgeon on their return to Nelson, B.C., after many months at the front.

H. D. Rourke, of Port Arthur post office, is ill in a military hospital in England.

Sergt.-Major G. H. A. Collins has left for overseas after spending a furlough in Ottawa.

Miss Edna Johnston and Miss Alice Houston, who went over with the first party of V.A.D. girls to England and have been for the last seven months in the 4th Northern General Hospital, Lincoln, have been transferred to France. Miss Houston is from the Post Office Department.

Lieut. Harry Daubney was invested with his Military Cross at Buckingham Palace on May 12th.

Lieut. R. Forsyth, gassed, is a son of J. R. Forsyth of the Department of Finance.

Lieut. Hal Brown, son of J. H. Brown, of the Post Office Department, who had been overseas, wounded, given the Military Medal and a

commission, accidentally shot himself while cleaning a revolver and died in a few hours. His brother, Oscar, died a prisoner in Germany, and another brother, Edmund, is in the Royal Flying Corps.

Lieut. W. B. Pennock, Engineers, wounded, is a son of Assistant Postmaster W. Pennock, Ottawa.

Gunner R. Brunel, killed in action, was a son of W. H. Brunel, of the Department of the Naval Service.

Lieut. Reginald C. Smith, wounded and missing, was formerly in the Department of Labour.

Mrs F. A. Acland and Major Peregrine Acland, M.C., are expected home from England this week.

Lieut. John A. Norris, 11th C.M.R., a Vancouver postal clerk, whose wounding was reported in *The Civilian* in November, has returned home.

GAVE HIM A WATCH.

The staff of the Statistical Branch, Department of Customs, presented Flight Sub-Lieut. J. Elmer Drummond with a military watch on the occasion of his departure for England to take up his work with the Royal Flying Corps.

"EVERY LITTLE BIT."

The campaign for small war savings is as successful, in its way, as the large domestic loans.

Since the first issue at the middle of January, over one hundred thousand certificates have been disposed of. The proceeds from these sales have been over seven million dollars.

MAKING A RECORD.

Ten more men of the staff of the Central Registry Branch, Dept. of Militia and Defence, have enlisted for overseas service during the past few weeks.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Secretaries will please be good enough to see that the names of delegates and others expecting to attend the Annual Convention, in Winnipeg on July 9th, are submitted to both the General Secretary and the Winnipeg Branch Officials at the earliest possible moment.

Regina, Sask.,
May 10, 1917.

To the Editors and Members,

The Convention having been called to meet on July 9th, we have not much time in which to get our house in order. And I would particularly request that ALL Branches have their matter for inclusion on the Agenda in the hands of the General Secretary as soon as possible.

There is a large amount of work to get through, and the sooner it is tabulated the better. Will all Branch Secretaries please note.

To the Officers.

To facilitate the work of Convention proper, I ask that all officers, having a report to make, will have about thirty copies made; so that each Delegate may receive a copy on arrival at Winnipeg. This will allow all delegates to study and criticise the report intelligently, they having got a fuller grasp of its contents than they would by just hearing it read, and at the same time greatly assist in getting this portion of the business through.

It is particularly desirable that every branch be individually represented, and I trust that you will all see your way clear to send a delegate.

Fraternally yours,
CHARLES GARDNER.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

The Branch Notes in this issue are one of the best exemplifications of Association that it has been our pleasure to see in our pages to date. Notes of a most interesting character from branches many miles apart, yet joined together as Postal Clerks by our organization.

Besides the enthusiasm which is prevailing in all branches at the present time, there appears to be, also, a general dissatisfaction with the manner in which the Government is dealing with the salary question in connection with the increased cost of living. From the notes in this issue it will be seen that criticism is very general and severe, but from other sources we know that the state of affairs in some of our branches is a great deal worse than the authorities appear to imagine. Were it not for the reply given by the Minister of Finance to Mr. Delvin in the House last month, a reply which has assured our members that something is to be done, the officers of this association would have had their hands full at the present time in checking the impatience of the members at large.

We doubt really whether we are justified in the use of the word impatience. Private firms realized months ago that their employees would not be patient the length of time we have had to be. If they had thought otherwise we very much doubt if the large number of increases and bonuses that have been issued by these firms would have been forthcoming. Government employees, however, appear to be expected to have patience inexhaustible, but it has been demonstrated recently in Manitoba that such is not the case.

We are convinced that our members thoroughly realize that it is necessary for them to have more than ordinary patience because we have to bear in mind that the same people who are required to decide whether we are entitled to a few dollars a month extra salary have also to decide whether Canada shall have conscription, free wheat and a host of other vital matters in connection with the war. Therefore, we have the reason for the patience of our own members, but we ourselves quite realize that even such patience is exhaustible and we are of the opinion, and this opinion is shared by all the general officers, that it is quite time that the authorities realized the same fact.

Our members may rest assured of one thing, and that is that the officers of this association have now done all that it is

within their power or possibilities to do in connection with the above matter. We earnestly ask all to now await a further announcement from the Finance Minister, should same not have been made ere this reaches you.

If any Eastern clerks are thinking of joining the Association and would like to know what a benefit it is to belong to same, they are invited to write the Secretary of our Branch at Brantford. Such is the statement made by our Brantford correspondent in the Branch Notes this issue. What have some of these outsiders to reply to that we wonder. There are a few Offices down in that district that we should like to see accept this invitation. It might easily result in their sending a delegate to Winnipeg, a step they would never regret.

We are glad to learn that Montreal, Toronto and Ottawa are each being represented at the coming convention. The Hall will be big enough to accommodate representatives from London, Hamilton and several other cities as well. May we expect you?

The Civil Service Siege and Heavy Artillery draft includes several of our members, including the President of our Sydney Branch. Other members of our Association have tried, but without success owing to physical defects, and others, again, desiring to serve with the C. S. unit, have up to the present been unable to obtain leave. Among the latter are some most prominent Association members.

At the time of writing both the Organizing Secretary and the Semi Staff Representative are busily engaged in correspondence with some Eastern Offices, and there appears to be every prospect of additional members in our ranks at an early date. We still have hopes of seeing delegates at Winnipeg from one or two offices which are not yet represented on our membership roll.

It is hoped to publish as much of the agenda as is considered advisable in our next issue. Members who are earnestly interested in convention affairs, as all should be, will therefore be advised to hold the issue containing the agenda in order that same may be referred to when the convention report is published.

Your delegates name should be in the hands of both the General Secretary and the secretary of convention arrangements at Winnipeg by the time this reaches you. If same has not already been attended to at your branch, please lose no time as the matter is one of importance.

TO SEMI-STAFF OFFICES.

It has taken almost a year of hard work by our various officers, past and present, to enlighten the Postal Clerks of the Do-

minion as to the necessity for organizing. But in view of what has been attained, such time may be considered as well spent. Each clerk is beginning to see the wisdom of an organization such as ours. In all organizations, however, there comes a time when the machinery needs a general overhauling and, to this end, we go into convention, for an internal "setting up" of the various parts of our well-worn interior. All who have attended conventions in previous years readily recognize the wisdom of such functions. In view of what is ahead of us it will be wise for each branch, especially those at Semi Staff Offices, to send a delegate to Winnipeg, for it has been freely stated that conventions are the soul of sound organization which with good officers are the heart of such a body as ours. It would be well for Semi Offices to think of this especially in view of what the future has in store for us, and it would be well to hear their views expressed and their weight felt, not by proxy, but by the real live wire, "Their personal Delegate."

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BRANCH NOTES.

Brantford.

It is a long time since the Journal has heard from our Brantford Branch, and our correspondent can only give the familiar excuse—"I regret the error." Just because you have not heard from us, don't think that we are dead because we are very much alive. At least, had you been at the meeting held on the 23rd, you would have thought so. We have an available membership of 13, "lucky" and there were ten at the meeting, so you can see that we are enthusiastic enough here. We are just beginning to realize what the Association means to us. We find, since we have signed up, that we are kept posted with all that is beneficial to the clerks and we are beginning to use the Association to the bettering of conditions in our local office. If we can only induce some of the other cities near us to get in line, we will have an organization which every clerk will be proud to be a member of. If any of the Eastern cities are figuring on coming in, and would like to know what a benefit it is to belong to the P. C. A. from one who knows, just drop a card to our worthy Secretary, H. J. Hartlev, and he can tell you how we have benefited.

Brandon.

A well attended meeting was held on April 24th at the home of our brother member, Mr. J. Davies. We were very pleased to have with us once again, our old comrade,

C. S. M. Berridge, who is back on leave for a short while. After the meeting was over a social time was spent and very much enjoyed as were the refreshments which were thoughtfully provided by our member's "better half,"—in fact, one or two seemed to have some trouble with their belts. "What were you looking for, Shaw?" "Say, Dudley, it you an awful time to get your... on."

Victoria.

In common with several other branches of the Association, we of Victoria have at length awakened after our winter's sleep. A successful meeting was held on April 26th for reorganization, election of officers, discussion of war-bonus and other matters. A communication from the Regina Branch re war-bonus was read and while the meeting was heartily in accord with the desire expressed therein, the idea of branches acting individually was deprecated. Action was left in abeyance until word could be received from Mr. Green as to course recommended by Headquarters. An animated, and in parts, heated discussion took place on Bill 146, but harmony was eventually restored by the President. Officers elected for the ensuing year were — President, H. W. Adams; Vice-President, S. White; Secretary, H. G. Humber; Treasurer, re-elected, W. Liddiard. The retiring President, J. B. Sinclair, spoke a few words, urging upon members the necessity of regular attendance at the meetings, even if the agenda did not include matters affecting the pocket, and amid expressions of good-will and promises of regularity to be faithfully adhered to, the meeting adjourned at 10.30 p.m. Congratulations to F. Rowley and to H. G. Humber, who have each been presented with a daughter since Victoria was last heard from.

Winnipeg.

The regular meeting was held on Sunday the 15th inst., a fair attendance being present. Interest centered mainly in arrangements for the coming Convention, and in this connection the ever present question of the H. C. L. came again to the fore.

The Dominion Secretary and Mr. Pickup spoke of efforts being made to keep the question before the Cabinet until relief eventually should come through, and the apparent strength of their belief that the much discussed War Bonus would soon materialize seemed to reassure the members.

The evident failure of the Sunday meetings to produce results in the way that its advocates anticipated, coupled with the oft-expressed dissatisfaction of many of our best attendants at Sunday meetings, led to a notice of motion to change the meeting days back to the second Tuesday as before. This will be voted on at our next meeting.

The contribution of 2% salary which the clerks at Winnipeg have been giving since the outbreak of the war to the Patriotic Fund being no longer necessary, since the Provincial Government is taking over this work, it was proposed to open a free subscription list to afford those who may wish to do so an opportunity to help out deserving charities, e. g., Red Cross, Belgium Relief, etc.

The shortage of skilled help at this office, owing to so many enlistments, is a problem that the simple equation alone won't solve, yet if the "X" be made to do extra duty we might, perhaps, manage to pull along. The proverbial squalls on the "sea of matrimony" have no terrors for Mr. E. H. Martin, we congratulate you, Ernie, and hope that the voyage may be as pleasant as we trust it will be long.

Since last month more of our members have gone to serve in other capacities. The Registration Dept. trust Georges' 'Prenticeship may be a pleasant one, and hardly think it necessary to recommend a "Special" mouth-wash. Louis hopes if George makes his kingly namesakes' acquaintance (who said the Fifth?) we may be all kindly remembered.

Sydney, N.S.

The Sydney branch of the Postal Clerks' Association freely admit that they have been doing an injustice to the "Postal Journal" other branches by not doing their bit in regard to Branch notes, but nevertheless we realize the necessity of keeping in touch with one another, in order that we may attain the highest point of efficiency. We are not going to make any excuses, because there are none to make. Carelessness is what causes most accidents, and the act of putting off from day to day is what leaves so much work on hand at the end of the week, hence with us—"Putting Off".—But outside of that fact are we dead to the work we have to perform? No; on the contrary very much alive. Taking an interest in the work that is being done by other branches, holding our meetings as often as circumstances will permit, and doing all we can to obtain for others as well as ourselves the necessary WAGES in order that we may keep on a level with our old friend HIGH COST OF LIVING, which is soaring higher and higher all the time and getting more and more out of our reach as the years roll by.

Resolutions as far as the Departments are concerned are like so much waste paper; some of them no doubt not even read, but scattered to the four winds of Heaven. Delegations meet with little or no success. But do we lose heart and throw up the sponge? No, not by a long sight. We send them

another resolution, this time through the member of Parliament for each locality, and from them we receive the encouragement that they will do all in their power to secure for us the necessary things which was fully intended. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year.

Président, L. H. Mackinnon; Vice-Pres., D. Ross Macdonald; Sec.-Treas., M. MacDonald.

Since last meeting three of our members have left us. The president L. H. Mackinnon enlisting with the Ottawa civil service Battery; Hugh MacDonald with the Draft for the 17th field Battery, and D. C. MacDonald resigning to take a position with the Harris Abattoir Co. as travelling salesman.

This has reduced our membership to a considerable extent, but we trust that we may soon be able to count the new clerks as members of our association.

While your humble correspondent is racking his brains for something to write about, and how to express it, his eye catches the following news item in one of the daily papers which runs something like this.

"The Dominion Iron and Steel Co. situated at Sydney, N.S., are giving their employees which includes the clerks in all the offices an increase in wages of 10% which makes the third increase for the year amounting in all to 30%." Therefore, in conclusion, I think that I am justified in asking this question.

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Edmonton.

The usual monthly meeting was held on the evening of the 9th. It was the night intended for the discussion of matter for the Convention Agenda, and for the election of our delegate. A major part of the former item of business was licked into shape, but on account of the sparse attendance the latter was held over till a special general meeting to be held on the evening of May 23rd, when it is hoped to see a thoroughly representative turn-out of members.

Vancouver.

The above branch, after a period of inaction, held a very enthusiastic meeting on April 24th for the purpose of nominating officers for the ensuing year. It appears that there will be no election at the general meeting this year, as all the officers will

be appointed by acclamation. In spite of this seeming lack of fighting spirit, the new year promises to be a very active one, judging by the men who have been nominated. They are all men of much ability and greatly respected throughout the office. This branch has, ever since its formation, adopted a policy of changing its officers year by year, thereby bringing a larger number of members in close touch with the affairs of the association than would be the case if the same men held office year after year. The changing of officers has also brought out a keen band of critics who know whereof they talk. This year, proving no exception to the rule, we expect all the members to give the new officers, their heartiest support and help them to keep the work of the association to the fore. An interesting and important feature of the nominations is the inclusion of Mr. M. Devane of the P.O.I.'s office as vice-president. We feel that the clerks in the P.O.I.'s office who are working under practically the same conditions as ourselves, by joining our body will strengthen our hands and help to make conditions better for both branches of the Service. Therefore, we feel justified in thinking that the appointment of Mr. Devane as vice-president will have a beneficial effect in spreading the gospel among his fellow clerks. The money order branch, which at one time was accused of being a little indifferent to association affairs, appears this year in quite a different role with three officers, president, secretary and executive member among its members. No one can say now that the M.O.B. is not doing its bit. Another matter discussed at the meeting was the question of the status of our members who have been away on active service, especially as regards those who were appointed since the first of April, 1912, and who did not pass the qualifying examination previous to their enlistment. This appears to be a matter that the coming convention might very well attend to. We regret to announce that another of our members, S. J. Shaw, has been severely wounded in France. No further word has been received since the official announcement and we hope and trust that the saying, "No news is good news," will hold good in his case. He enlisted with the 72nd Highlanders, C.E.F., and has been in the trenches for nearly a year. Stan. is a very popular young man, both inside and outside the office, and his many friends hope for his speedy recovery. Friends of Mr. A. S. Black, and we know that there are many in Vancouver and wherever postal clerks meet, will regret to learn that he has been laid up for the last few weeks. We understand that he is now on the way to complete recovery and hope for his presence amongst us in the near future.



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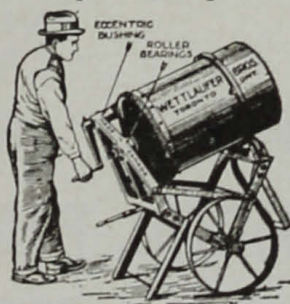
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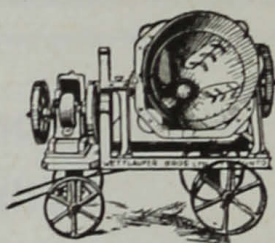
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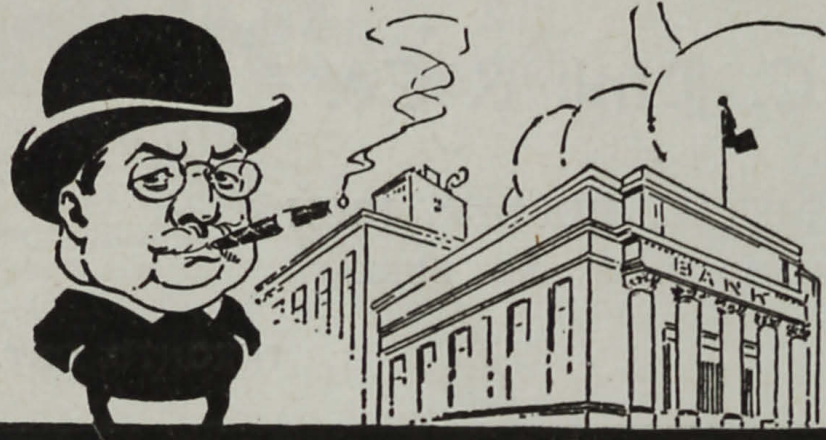
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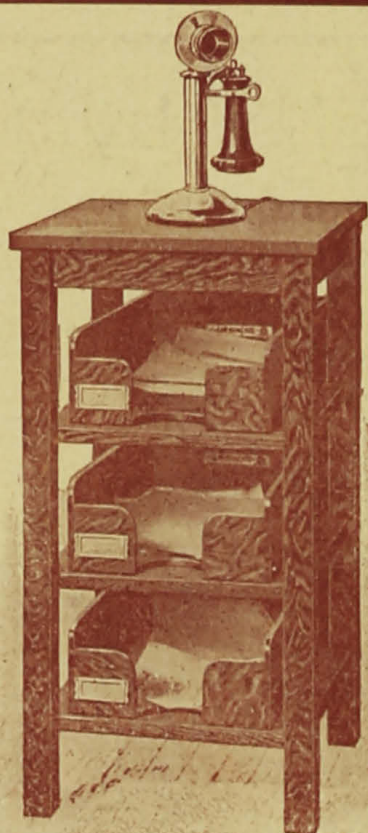
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